



DATE: MARCH 3, 2016

TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

FROM: CALDER HIBBARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: PREPARATION FOR MARCH 16, 2016 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the March 16, 2016 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in **bold**):

1. This cover memo.
2. **Draft minutes for the January 13, 2016 MFRC meeting.**
3. **Draft agenda for the March 16, 2016 MFRC meeting.**
4. **Approval of North Central Landscape Plan revision resolution.**

Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on March 16, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45p.m., at the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, located at 2660 Fawn Lake Drive NE in East Bethel, Minnesota. Directions to the meeting are provided below.

From the south, take 35W north to the exit for U.S. 10, which will be exit 30. Drive west on U.S. 10 for 2.5 miles to the exit for Highway 65 (also called Central Avenue). Exit onto Highway 65 (Central Avenue) and continue north 18 miles to 237 Ave NE. This is known locally as “Cooper’s Corner.” There will be a BP and a Subway on the NE corner. Take a right (east) on 237th and proceed one mile to the “T”. At the “T”, turn left and follow the road around the long curve. Once around the curve, begin looking on the right for the large, brown, rural mailbox with a sign reading “2660.” It will be the only mailbox on the right. It is about one mile from the “T” to the mailbox. At the mailbox, turn right into the Cedar Creek campus. Bear left to the Lindeman Research and Discovery Center.

From the east, take Interstate 94 west toward the Twin Cities. At the 494/694 interchange, turn right (north) on 694. This will carry you north and then west. Stay on 694 until you reach Interstate 35W. Be careful here, because there is an Interstate 35E, which you will pass first and which you don't want to take. Turn right (north) on 35W and follow the directions above.

From the west, take Interstate 94 east toward the Twin Cities. Interstate 94 splits off to the south-east and Interstate 694 proceeds east. Take 694 to Highway 65 (also called Central Avenue). Turn north and pick up the directions for Highway 65 above.

For more information about the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, call 612-301-2600, or visit <http://www.cedarcreek.umn.edu/>.

Meeting Agenda

Committee of the whole: Approval of North Central Landscape Plan Revision*

As required by statute, Shaun Hamilton and Lindberg Ekola will seek authorization from the council to undertake a revision of the North Central Landscape Plan.

Site-level Monitoring Report

Dave Parent and Dick Rossman will present key findings from the most recent site-level monitoring of guideline implementation and use during timber harvesting. Guideline monitoring occurred during 2014 and 2015, and was conducted at 172 sites within 11 major watersheds across the forested part of the state.

Strategic Vision for the MFRC

Kathleen Preece and Calder Hibbard will present information regarding our strategic planning process. They will summarize the work of the strategic planning committee and discuss next steps.

Dispersal Capacity of Gypsy Moth Larvae

Rachael Nicoll will present preliminary results from her Master's degree research on the gypsy moth at the University of Minnesota. Her research evaluated the dispersal capacity of late instar gypsy moth larvae in a lumber yard with the purpose of evaluating a wood movement mitigation measure of the gypsy moth quarantine.

Current Projects at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve

Forest Isbell, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, will present some of the current research at Cedar Creek.

*Denotes action item